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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Allied Wireless Communications Corporation for
Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant
to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934
Docket No. 2010-385-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing on behalf of Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., FTC Communications, LLC, Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc, Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., PRTCommunications, LLC, and the South Carolina Telephone Coalition regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

On January 11, 2012, the Commission issued Order No. 2012-34 granting Allied Wireless Communications Corporation's ("Allied") motion to hold the proceeding in abeyance, and directing Allied to file a brief not later than February 10, 2012, concerning the impact of the FCC's *USF-ICC Reform*¹ on Allied's application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier. The Commission stated that if any party in this docket chose to respond to Allied's brief, such response must be filed by February 24, 2012.

On February 3, 2012, Allied filed a letter asking the Commission to continue to hold in abeyance any consideration of Allied's pending application. As stated in Allied's letter, the other parties to this docket did not object to Allied's request to hold the proceeding in abeyance. However, we note that Allied asked that the Commission receive the letter "as its brief." Because other parties were directed to file responsive briefs by February 24, 2012, we would like to point

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¹ Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) ("USF-ICC Reform Order"), 76 Fed. Reg. 73830 (Nov. 29, 2011).

out that Allied's letter was procedural in nature and there is nothing of substance for the parties to brief or to which the other parties can respond at this time. Therefore, we respectfully reserve our right to file a brief or appropriate pleadings regarding the impact of the FCC's *USF-ICC Reform Order* on Allied's pending application at the appropriate time.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Parties of Record

BEFORE
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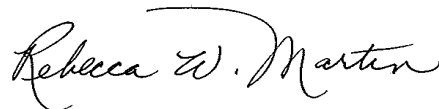
**CERTIFICATE
OF SERVICE**

I, Rebecca W. Martin, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the attached Letter to the S. C. Public Service Commission upon the following parties causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and properly affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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